

## LOCAL SOCIAL EVENTS

**Called Meeting.**  
A meeting will be held at the Diamond Street M. E. church on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock for the purpose of organizing a suffrage association for Union district. All persons interested are invited to be present.

**Picnic Postponed.**  
The picnic planned by the Eastern Star organizations of this city, Clarksburg and Mannington, to be held at Loop Park this week, has been indefinitely postponed.

**Returned from Trip.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Z. F. Robertson have returned from a motor trip which included a visit to Atlantic City. En route home they stopped at Mt. Lake Park, where they were guests for several days at the Loch Lann hotel.

**Returned Home.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Nichols and daughter, Miss Mary Louise Nichols, who had spent the past two weeks at the Country club, have returned to town and taken up their residence again on Fairmont avenue.

**Birthday Dinner.**  
Honoring the 48th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Thomas W. Arnett, Mrs. Arnett entertained with a prettily appointed dinner last evening at "Westwood," the Arnett summer bungalow on the Valley river. Covers were laid for Dr. L. N. Yost, Dr. D. L. L. Yost, Messrs. C. E. Hutchinson, W. H. Billingsley, C. H. Jenkins, E. M. Showalter and U. R. Arnett, Jr.

**To Serve Excellent Menu.**  
A splendid menu consisting of fried chicken and other delicacies will be

served tonight at the Parish house by the Playgrounds committee of the Woman's club from 5 to 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. George DeBolt is chairman of the committee in charge of the dinner and other members of the committee are Mrs. C. E. Hutchinson, Mrs. W. I. Lytle and Mrs. Ernest Helmick. A number of club members will assist with the serving.

**Entertained at Dinner.**  
Miss Marlam Rock was hostess last evening at a prettily appointed seven o'clock dinner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rock, in Loop Park. Covers were laid for 14. Miss Rock leaves this week for a visit to Greensburg, Pa.

**Club Day.**  
Messdames Henry S. Lively and Husted Brownfield will be hostesses tomorrow at the Country club at the usual weekly club day observance. A dinner dance will feature the day's celebration. An excellent dinner will be served and this will be followed by a dance. All club members who wish to attend will please make reservations early. One dollar will be charged for the dinner and dance.

**Left on Motor Trip.**  
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hite and daughters left this morning in their touring car for a visit of a week to Washington, D. C., Gettysburg and other points along the National Pike.

**Entertained For Visitors.**  
Honoring Mrs. F. J. Bury, of Watson avenue, and her guests, Misses Ditto and Addie Faulkner, of Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Edwin Robinson was hostess yesterday at a prettily ap-

pointed auction bridge party. Six tables were used in the play of bridge and a luncheon was served during the afternoon. Out of town guests present were Mrs. D. C. Gallier, of Charleston; Miss Stella Bussing, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Miss Anna McHugh, and Miss Mae Bennis, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, of Jacksonville, Fla., and the Misses Zell, of Birmingham, Ala.

**Guests at Rosehill.**  
Mrs. Bussing and daughter, Miss Stella, of Cincinnati, Ohio, are guests of the former's daughter, Mrs. George T. Watson, at their summer home "Rosehill."

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cunningham are here for a visit with Mrs. Cunningham's cousin, Mrs. Eva Hamilton. They will return to their home near Grangeville Friday evening.

Mrs. R. U. Myers and Mrs. L. N. Bryan went to Mountsville today to attend the funeral of Miss Wanda Bennett, whose death occurred on Monday.

Mrs. M. E. Boggess left today for Youngstown, Ohio, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Flick. A daughter was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Flick.

Misses Anna McHugh and Mae Bennis, of Philadelphia, are guests of Misses Irene and Martha Hutchinson on Fairmont avenue.

Mrs. Walker Hagans and daughters, Mrs. Snowden and Mrs. Margaret Hargert, have returned to Cameron after a visit with the family of Sanford Morris.

Miss Susie Gilkeson left yesterday for a visit with relatives at Salem, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Boydston have

returned from a visit of several weeks at Aurora.

Mrs. J. B. Jones and daughter, Miss Reid Jones, Miss Margaret Marley and Alvin Berbic, of Pittsburgh, motored here yesterday and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Small in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Dunning have returned from a two weeks' visit to points along the South Branch of the Potomac.

Frank C. Haymond left last night for a visit to Charleston.

Mr. John Gillespie and family, of Amherst, Va., have moved to this city and are residing at 213 Fairmont avenue. Mr. Gillespie is connected with the Willets Clay company of this city.

Mrs. A. L. Heffner and daughter, Miss Naomi, went to Mountsville today to attend the funeral of Miss Wanda Bennett which took place today.

Miss Georgia Torrey left recently for a visit to Chicago. She will go on to Denver, Colo., for a visit before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Michael have returned from Morgantown where they were called by the death of a relative. Edgingham McKay Sturges, of Zanesville, Ohio, is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Edwin Robinson on Fairmont avenue.

Mrs. Harry Hood and children, of Clarksburg, are guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Ella Straight, on Chicago street.

Misses Nelle Hartley and Helen Smith, of Beaver, Pa., have returned home after a visit with the former's uncle, J. M. Hartley, on Quincy street and Miss Mary Frances Hartley on Fairmont avenue.

**Nice for the Secretary.**  
Assistant lady, white, for dental office; keep office clean, receive patients, answer phone, sterilize instruments and secretary; also assist in laboratory; state age and salary. Address 108-A, Star office.—Washington (D. C.) Star.

## WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP

By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 30.—The Senate has confirmed the nomination of George A. Mason to be postmaster at Coalwood, W. Va.

Clarence M. Highfield has been appointed a rural mail carrier at Chester.

R. C. Snyder has been recommended to the Post Office department by Congressman Littlepage for postmaster at Harper, Raleigh county.

William P. Phillips, of Independence, W. Va., whose claim for an increased pension was urged by Congressman Bowers, has been raised to \$20 a month by the Pension bureau.

Bills providing for increased pensions were introduced in the House today by Congressman Sutherland in behalf of Mrs. Mary E. Sturtevant, of Farmington, \$25 a month, and Mrs. Elizabeth Bearn, of Parkersburg, \$25 a month.

The President signed the military appropriations or preparedness bill this morning. The members of the House committee on military affairs, of which Congressman Littlepage is a member, were invited to be present at the White House to witness the affixing of the Wilson signature. They were there, of course, at 10:30 o'clock, which was the time set for enacting the historic penmanship event.

Congressman Edward Cooper arrived this morning, after a few days spent at his home in Bramwell, to attend the House meeting today and the conference of Republican candidates, state candidates and officials of the meeting is to discuss their respective interests in connection with the plans of campaign. The conference was called by Congressman Sutherland, and he had the approval of his colleagues, Messrs. Bowers and Cooper. It was necessary for it to be held here because they could not leave Washington at this time, and there is no definite time set for adjournment, the controversy between the railroads and the trainmen brotherhoods having interposed to put off the time of adjournment about to be agreed upon when this labor dispute became acute.

When President Wilson wrote his first note in the railroad strike controversy, that note which with frank assurance declared that society favored the eight-hour working day, that it was inevitable and that his plan for adjusting the strike controversy "proposes that nothing be conceded except the eight-hour day, to which the whole economic movement of the times seems to point," he was doubtless in ignorance of the historic fact that a great sovereign state passed on that question, the voters balloting it directly, and that it was overwhelmingly rejected. It happened in California November 3, 1914, and it was a referendum vote on a proposed eight-hour-work-day law covering all occupations. The result was 560,881 against and 282,696 for. Of the 58 counties in California it failed to carry one. In San Francisco the adverse majority was smallest, being 70,908 against to 49,623 for. In Los Angeles the vote was 133,704 against 74,483 for. That is the only concrete evidence as to how the people in any section feel on this question. It has never been put up directly to them except in California and the vote on it there would not seem to justify the President's sweeping assertion that public favors it by such a preponderant majority that there is no reason at all to investigate and arbitrate it in this case. Of course, it was a characteristically wild guess on Wilson's part, and it was the easier for him to make a bluff statement like that since he was in ignorance that in one state, at least, the question was an issue which was submitted direct to the people to vote on. This was a bad break for a man in his position to make. It has embarrassed his apologists here greatly, but it is dollars to doughnuts that they don't as acutely feel the embarrassment quite as much as the man who is held responsible for it. In the double capacity of head of the government and historian by private profession, to be ignorant of the California referendum doesn't add to his reputation in either role.

If the railroad strike comes off it will be virtually civil war; that is to say, there will be force on both sides.

The brotherhoods will use it and so will the government be compelled to keep the trains moving and the mails on transit. One-seventh of the railroad employees will be on strike, and the jobs of the other six-sevenths will suffer interference and curtailment. A nation of one hundred millions of people will be victims of an economic disaster. A nation and its government will be at a dead standstill. It might have been settled without all this by arbitration, but it wasn't. When all this comes about, if it does, and the government must use force to keep the mails and commerce of the people on the move, the government can find aid in its policy of force in a precedent at law established in a celebrated case in West Virginia. The well-remembered Fairmont post office clerks' "conspiracy" is the legal incident referred to. In that case the government established the precedent, and it proceeded to the trial of that case with the object in view of establishing a precedent to go by hereafter, that a government employee couldn't quit his position if he wanted to, no matter how peaceably and regularly he went about it to do it. We know that the government prosecuted that case with the view of laying down a precedent, because on the eve of trying it District Attorney Walker announced that that was the purpose which actuated the Department of Justice in the vigorous prosecution. The alleged offense in that case is not forgotten by any one.

Conditions in the Fairmont office being intolerable, every attaché of the office resigned, leaving their resignation on the desk of Postmaster Manley along with their keys. They quit completely—walked out. They were indicted for participating in a "conspiracy" to retard the progress of the mails, and they were punished. At the time, the precedent established was criticized extensively as unsound and dangerous to the liberties of the individual. Labor union heads were not the only ones who inveighed against such a doctrine. But it stands today as sound before the Federal law, nevertheless. In view of it, the question is being asked cannot it be applied in the case of the railroad brotherhood men should they go out on a strike? If so, will the government, should it come to it, invoke it as one of its instruments to force the movement of railway mail trains?

The Fairmont case is liable to be heard of nationally ere long. It depends on whether the railroad troubles are aired in the Senate, and whether or not Senator Borah takes part in the debate. If he does, it is barely possible that the doctrine laid down in the Fairmont case will be referred to in extenso. Senator Borah is familiar with that case, and is not favorable to such a precedent of law as was there established by the Federal government. He had secured all the facts in the case with a view to some day making a speech on the subject. He is cocked and primed with it, and should the opportunity

offer, and the occasion seem propitious, the Fairmont case may achieve fame in the national niche along with the Danberry Hatters and like local cases which attained countrywide notoriety.

Under existing conditions nobody can blame the citizen-soldiers doing police duty along the Mexican border wanting to come home. The War department is swamped with their applications. In one day, last Saturday, the President accepted twenty resignations of commissioned officers. The plaint of the men is that they are tired of military routine on a peace basis. They do not longer see the necessity of keeping 100,000 men on the border doing nothing except to indulge in what excitements "watchful waiting" might supply them with. They want there to fight if necessary, but as there is no prospect of that, and the President in this case, at least, has invoked and stood pat behind arbitration, they want to come back to their families and their jobs. If there is no fighting work to do, they have work of another kind waiting on them, and they need it. So do those dependent upon their earnings. This administration would like very much to have them back in their homes, but how to get them there gracefully and save its face, is the question bothering it. Then, too, there is danger of a very grave danger should the khaki patrolmen doing their beats along the border be sent back home, of President Wilson' sold-time friend, co-

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Very Rev. M. A. Hehir, LL. D. Pres.

worker and presidential choice, to wit, Francisco Villa, emerging from his grave and raising the particular hordes for which he is deservedly noted. That would be embarrassing, decidedly. With the Wilson arbitration commission commencing, one-time friend Villa might be expected to do that very thing, too, the troops having been called far away from the Rio Grande.

**He Owns Up.**  
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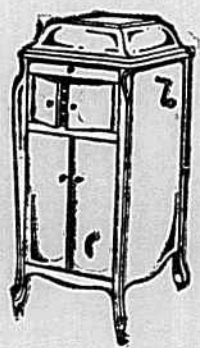
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